

I. AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

A. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fitting for attaching an end of a duct section of relatively small cross-section to an arcuate surface of a duct section of relatively large cross-section, comprising:

a generally cylindrical collar having a generally circular first end generally orthogonal to the collar axis, and a generally circular second end oblique to said axis at a predetermined angle; and

a body having an upper portion terminating in a generally circular end inclined at said angle, said collar second end circumferentially ~~attached to~~ interlocked with said body upper portion end ~~thereby determining an interface plane, the collar second end rotatable in said plane with respect to the body upper portion end.~~

Claim 2 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 1, further comprising a skirt flaring downwardly from said body upper portion and terminating in a base, said skirt having generally opposed first and second flanges terminating, respectively, in canted first and second lips, said base determined circumferentially by said lips and arch-shaped forward and rearward edges disposed between the lips.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 2, wherein a damper is pivotally positioned within the collar.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 2, wherein said forward edge is arched higher than said rearward edge.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The fitting of claim 4, wherein when said skirt base is attached to an arcuate surface of a relatively large cross-section duct section, said collar second end is continuously rotatable so that the collar can be canted at any angle with respect to said duct section in a range from about 55 to about 90 degrees.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 5, wherein said collar and body are each formed from sheet metal having a preselected thickness.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The fitting of claim 6, wherein said thickness is about 0.050-inch.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A fitting for attaching an end of a duct section of relatively small cross-section to an arcuate surface of a duct section of relatively large cross-section, comprising:

a generally cylindrical collar having a generally circular first end generally orthogonal to the collar axis, and a generally circular second end oblique to said axis at a predetermined angle and having a first circumferential arc-shaped bead;

a body having an upper portion terminating in a generally circular end inclined at said angle and having a second circumferential arc-shaped bead, said collar second end circumferentially attached to said body upper portion end by said first bead interlocked with said second bead, ~~thereby determining an interface plane~~, the collar second end continuously rotatable ~~in said plane~~ with respect to the body upper portion end; and

the body flaring downwardly in a cone-shaped skirt terminating in a base and having generally opposed first and second flanges terminating, respectively, in first and second canted lips, said base determined circumferentially by said lips, and first and second arch-shaped forward and rearward edges disposed between said lips.